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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 17, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months that expired on June 16, 2006, that has been extended for a period of three (3) months to expire on Saturday, September 16, 2006, which under 37 C.F.R. §1.7 expires on Monday, September 18, 2006, please enter the following remarks and amend the above-captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments being on page 5 of this paper.